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FEEL AT OLD BAILEY

LORD ALFRED DOUGLAS ON TRIAL

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, December 10.
The trial of Lord Alfred Douglas on a charge of libelling Mr. Winston Churchill opened at the Old Bailey which was crowded. Lord Alfred Douglas pleaded "not guilty," also that the statements were true and justified and publication was a public benefit because Mr. Churchill, owing to misconduct and incompetence, should be prevented from holding further high office under the State.
The Attorney-General, prosecuting, said the alleged libel alleged that Sir Ernest Cassel's syndicate was the result of a plot with Mr. Churchill to publish false report of Jutland and had made £18,000,000 of British stocks, and £36,000,000 on German stocks and that Mr. Churchill was given a present of furniture worth £40,000. Every statement was a libel and a lie. The alleged false communiqué was not issued by Mr. Churchill but by Earl Balfour and Mr. Churchill was not aware thereof. The communiqué was drawn up by Earl Balfour, based on a telegram from Lord Jellicoe. The only document Mr. Churchill wrote connected with Jutland was an appreciation of the British part in the battle which Earl Balfour and others at the Admiralty asked him to write in order to counteract German claims to victory published in the neutral press. Sir Ernest Cassel did not deal in German stock during the war, only in British war loan. Mr. Churchill made several thousands as a war correspondent and lecturer in South Africa and as the biographer of his father and he placed the management of his investments in the hands of Sir Ernest Cassel, who was a friend of his father. Sir Ernest Cassel gave Mr. Churchill the furniture of a room in 1905 as a wedding present eight years before Jutland. Earl Balfour and Mr. Churchill gave evidence bearing out the Attorney-General's statement.

NOT TO RESIGN?

LATEST BALDWIN RUMOUR

Reuter learns that in authoritative Conservative circles the view is now taken that Mr. Baldwin will not resign but will carry on and meet Earl Jellicoe. It is now certain that if he meets Parliament he will find himself in a minority as it is understood steps have been taken to sound Liberal opinion and the Government is now satisfied there will be no necessary opposition on the part of the Liberals.

SPECULATIONS.

LONDON, December 10.
Indications in the afternoon were that Conservative opinion was hardening against the idea of Mr. Baldwin's resignation because the duty of the Conservatives as still the strongest party is to carry on the government and there is no occasion for precipitate action. If, however, Mr. Baldwin insists on resignation and a Conservative ministry is not reconstructed, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald may be summoned by the King, but the Liberals in their present mood are disinclined to yield a single item of their election platform. Mr. MacDonald might decline the task while willing to co-operate with the Liberals on limited lines. In such an event Mr. Asquith or his nominee would be summoned. The consensus of all parties is still opposed to a coalition.
MR. BALDWIN'S MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, December 10.
Mr. Baldwin week-ended at Chequers and arrived in the morning at ten at Downing Street where a number of Ministers were among the callers but the crowd of pressmen and photographers were chiefly interested in the arrival of Mr. Winston Churchill at the Colonial Office where he remained for half an hour. Subsequently, Mr. Baldwin had a forty minutes' audience with the King at Buckingham Palace.

BELETED RESULTS.

LONDON, December 10.
The English Combined Universities remain unchanged the result being:—
Sir Martin Conway, (Conservative) 1,711.
Mr. H. A. L. Preece (Liberal) 1,316.
Professor Findlay (Labour) 859.
Argyll is unchanged. The result was:—
Mr. William Sutherland (Liberal) 9,020.
Mr. Maquisten (Conservative) 8,100.
Inverness is unchanged. Result:—
Mr. Murdoch MacDonald (Liberal) 10,104.
Mr. Kinloch (Labour) 6,385.

AMERICA'S NAVY.

MODERNISATION PROGRAMMES.

WASHINGTON, December 10.
Mr. Deby, Secretary of the Navy, in his annual report to Congress recommends the appropriation of \$30,000,000 for the purpose of carrying out a programme of fleet modernisation and authorisation of the building of eight ten-thousand ton cruisers, three cruiser-type submarines, and six gunboats, the expenditure of \$7,675,000 on naval bases and a five years' programme of naval aviation construction. Mr. Deby says plans for modernisation which were held in abeyance in the past year must be carried out if the United States is to maintain her proper place under the Washington Treaty. America had fallen so far behind Britain in cruiser strength that she cannot hope for years to attain the equality whereto she is entitled under the Treaty which the modernisation proposals in nowise contravene. Besides the gun elevation programme it includes the installation of deck sheathing against attack from the air, the provision of "blisters" against torpedo attack and the conversion of six coal-burning battleships to oil-fuel. As regards submarines, if foreign programmes are completed, the United States will have to build fifty thousand tons of submarines in order to attain the Treaty position. Mr. Deby expresses concern in regard to naval aviation. Only twelve fighters employed in the past year and the equipment is practically obsolete.

AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S BUDGET

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

WASHINGTON, December 10.
The annual budget recommendations were presented to Congress to-day. President Coolidge recommended the repeal of taxes on telegrams, telephones and amusements and a detailed report on the reduction by \$75,000,000 of the expenses of government in the next fiscal year. He estimates the cost of national defence at \$54,500,000, a reduction of \$35,000,000 compared with 1922. The \$31,000,000 proposed for expenditure on the navy comprises \$35,000,000 for naval construction, and \$15,000,000 for the air service. The War Department's expenditure of \$14,000,000 includes \$12,750,000 on the air service and \$1,250,000 on fortifications. The President notifies Congress in connection with the \$1,500,000 for prohibition enforcement that he will soon ask for more coast-guard vessels to combat rum-running.

PENSIONS AND NEGROES.

WASHINGTON, December 10.
The Department of the Interior in its annual report to the President advocates the increase of civil war pensions and suggests that pensioning should no longer be based on disability due to wounds and disease but that veterans and widows should after a certain age receive a pension adequate to fully support them. It also asks that increased facilities be given the Howard University for training Negro doctors and dentists in view of the fact that there is only one Negro doctor to 3,914 Negroes and one dentist to 20,500.

SENATE DEADLOCK.

WASHINGTON, December 10.
The insurgents produced a deadlock in the Senate in the fight for the Chairmanship of the Commerce Committee. The Republicans, Mr. Cummins received 41 votes, the Democrats Mr. Smith, 39 and Mr. La Follette, leader of the insurgents, 7. The vote was three short of the necessary majority. Three unsuccessful ballots were taken after which the Senate went into executive session and then adjourned without reaching a solution.

BOOK APPEAL.

GREAT BRITAIN TO HELP.

LONDON, December 10.
A large attendance of representatives of the League of Nations, Publishers and librarians were present at a meeting presided over by Earl Balfour at the British Academy convened for the purpose of organising a gift of books to the Library of the Tokyo Imperial University. Earl Balfour made a sympathetic speech in the course of which he referred to a letter he had just received from the President of the University describing the calamitous losses sustained by the library and appealing for the help of fellow nations. Earl Balfour stated that the British Foreign Office invited the British Academy to undertake the task. On the motion of the High Commissioner of India, an executive Committee of the most influential possible character was constituted for the purpose of organising the effort.

UNREST IN GREECE.

DISTURBANCE IN ATHENS.

ATHENS, December 10.
A Royalist mass meeting was held in the afternoon in the ruins of Jupiter's Temple, attended by many thousands, including numbers of women, for the avowed purpose of demonstrating the people's will for the maintenance of the present regime. After speeches which were very enthusiastically received, a section of the crowd tried to rush the Ministry of War. Some guards fired and three or four persons were killed by stray bullets, including an employee of the revolutionary administration. The crowds dispersed and the city is normal.

LATER.

The official casualties are given as 7 killed and 26 injured.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

APPEAL COURT DECISION.

PARIS, December 10.
In regard to the appeal of five creditors of the Banque Industrielle de Chine the Seine Tribunal of Commerce against the confirming of the *Reglement Transactionnel* applied to the Bank, the Court of Appeal has decided that as the proposals for a *Reglement Transactionnel* were unanimously approved by the Banks' creditors in France and the Far East, the proposals should be confirmed in the private interest of creditors and the general economic interest.

ITALIAN GENERAL ELECTION.

MUSSOLINI'S MAJORITY ASSURED.

LATER.
Signor Mussolini is certain to have a majority in the General Election which, under the new Electoral Bill gives the Fascist two-thirds of the seats in the Chamber. Mussolini appears to want his policy endorsed by the entire nation.

MEXICAN MIX-UP.

LATEST FROM THE FRONT.

BROWNVILLE (TEXAS), December 10.
Three thousand Federal troops from Monterey commanded by General Amaro, captured Victoria and are patrolling the southern part of the State of Tamaulipas.
(Other news cables will be found on page 8.)

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GODS AND GODDESSES

MAINLY SCISSORS' LOOT.

To Betray.
Professor Harold Laski says—
"To seek to make the British
Empire self-sufficing is to betray
the heritage of civilisation. We
must build in terms of co-operation
instead of competition, and that
can only be by a realisation of the
inequality of nationalism."

Sermons in Stone.
"An anthology might be made
of the curious inscriptions sometimes
found carved on stones in old
churches, like the inscription in
Chalton Church, Surrey," says the
Morning Post. "Good red wax
all men and women will they be
here to be ever good to the poor
and needy."

A journey in Dorset yielded
in Osmington Church, this little
sermon in stone, written with the
brevity of a telegram:
"Man's Life. Man is a glass
Life is a water that's weakly
walled about. Sin bridges Death.
Death breaks the glass so runs
the water out. Finis."

According to Hoyle.
It was an agreeable spectacle to
witness Edmund Hoyle (the master
of whist, whose code of etiquette
for the game has been accepted for
six generations) drive up the Three
Pigeons tavern at noon in his white
hackney-coach with his emblem—the
Ace of Hearts—blazoned on the
panel, says Christopher Morley in
"The Powder of Sympathy."

Hoyle was "a man of very speech-
less humour," who was "lured into
the study of whist because it was a
silent game." Originally the game
was called "whisk," it was Mr.
Hoyle who, by his continual utter-
ance of the imperative and hushing
incomprehensible "Whist!" when gam-
ing with those whose tongues were
apt to wag irrelevantly, caused the
"diversion," at first only in sport, and
then in genuine interest to be re-
christened. The mornings he
spent in tutoring wealthy ladies in
the rudiments of the fashionable
game, this being the chief source
of his income. He was very par-
ticular, moreover, as to the stand-
ing and rank of his pupils; he was
much in demand, and could afford
to take only such students as satis-
fied his fastidious taste for youth
and beauty?

Point of View.
Anything free is not worth hav-
ing.—Mr. Henry Ford.
Women can be silent for a very
long time when it pays them.—Mrs.
Leo Myers.

It needs more brains to prevent
a strike than to organise one.—Mr.
Benjamin M.P.

Barrow has been killed by the
Washington Agreement—there is
no doubt about it.—Sir W. Johnson
Hicks.

"It was not those who learned the
slowest in the war who were made
to suffer most.—Mr. Winston Church-
ill.

People are better educated, can
think for themselves, and generally
only for themselves.—Mr. Eric
Horne.

A man does not go to perdition
through handling a cue any more
than he is saved by sitting on
library of kitchen committees.—
Mr. Rudyard Kipling.

Three-quarters of the cases of
appendicitis arise from gluttonous
habits, and can be cured by castor
oil and a week's fasting.—Dr. Josiah
Oldfield.

Unless Germany comes to an
agreement with France by giving
her full and complete satisfaction,
she is condemned to death.—Mr.
Edouard Heilely.

Drab, inartistic homes have a bad
effect on the national spirit at the
time when it needs to be more
optimistic, resourceful, and en-
ergetic than ever.—Sir W. Osprey.

Nostalgia.
Down the long street the sunset
flame
Fills all the narrow sky.
And through the high, wide-
open frame
My swift thoughts homeward fly.

The chimneys and the house-roofs
stand
Jet-black against the gold
But I look out of stretches of pale
sand
Where winds blow fresh and
cold

Below me many a traveller hastes
Along his road to home
My path leads over gleaming
ocean wastes
Lit by the snow-white foam.

I see the small beloved town
By clear sea-water kissed;
The harbour, the grey houses
leaning down
To waves of amethyst;

The fishing boats that poise and
dip
Like brown-winged butterflies;
I feel the salt spray blown upon
my lip,
I hear the sea-gulls' cries.

Far down the street the sunset
glows
My spirit wanders free,
Watching another sunset gold and
red
Burn over a western sea.

—EVA MARTIN, in "The Window"
Magazine.

RACE GANGS FEUD.

CLASH ON RACE COURSE

A feud between rival factions of
the racing fraternity resulted
in a fracas at the race course when
just before the start began mem-
bers of one party started a quarrel
with a member of the opposition
in the "silver ring." Two men
going to the latter's help were set
upon by a band of about 30, and a
free fight followed, in which
hammered spammers, and sticks
were freely used. Three men
were injured.

The combatants dispersed and
left the course on the arrival of
police, and no arrests were made.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

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Fowler, from Shanghai.
Chow, from Shanghai.
Hainan, 303, Queen's Road, from
Shanghai.

Protection, from Kobe.
Jibikunjo, from Kobe.
Tong Hing Lung, from Nagasaki.
0079, from Nippon.

Toshichika, from Shanghai.
Yukawa Fukui, from Kobe.
Taka, from Kobe.
Cohen, from Kobe.

Wan Ching, 231, Queen's Road, from
Marsella.

N. LUND,
Act. Superintendent.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1923.

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List of unclaimed telegrams lying in
E. E. Telegraph Office, Hongkong.

Away for Hoboken, from London.
Chinook, from Victoria, from England.
Miss O'Leary, from Mrs. Richardson.
King Edward Hotel, from Shanghai.
Servants, from Hongkong.

R. M. MACALPINE,
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Hongkong, 8th December, 1923.

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THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 6, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, at Noon on the 18th day of December, 1923, when the sub-joined resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution that is to say:—

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same time and place on the 4th day of January, 1924, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the proceedings of the above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

A further Resolution will be proposed at the second meeting for the appointment of a Liquidator or Liquidators for the purposes of such winding up and fixing his or their remuneration.

L. S. GREENHILL, Acting Secretary to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD., General Agents for THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.

Hongkong, November 30, 1923.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

PROPOSED ISSUE AT PAR OF DEBENTURES PAYABLE TO BEARER FOR THE TOTAL SUM OF \$5,000,000.00.

1st JANUARY, 1924—31st DECEMBER, 1923.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above named Company intends shortly filing and issuing a Prospectus inviting subscriptions at par for a Debenture Issue of a total sum of \$5,000,000.00.

The Debentures in question will bear interest at Seven per cent. per annum payable half-yearly. The whole of the issue will be underwritten.

The Debentures are to be secured by a specific mortgage to Trustees of part of the landed properties owned by the Company in Hongkong and Shanghai.

The purpose of this Debenture Issue is to enable the Company to extinguish the existing mortgages of the Company both in respect of the liabilities taken over by the Company under the recent amalgamation with The Shanghai Hotels Limited and those incurred by the Company itself. The financial requirements of the Company both in Shanghai and Hongkong will thus be covered by one mortgage whereby a fixed amount of interest will be payable at regular intervals instead of as hitherto at various rates and at irregular times.

This Notice is not to be regarded as an invitation to the public to subscribe for Debentures and applications therefor will be received by the Company's Bankers only as and when the said Prospectus has been duly filed with the Registrar of Companies and on the footing of such Prospectus and on the form to be issued herewith.

For and on behalf of THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD., WALTER J. HAYKER, Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE Half-Yearly General Meeting of Members will be held on WEDNESDAY, 12th December 1923 at 5 p.m. in the Board Room Messrs Jardine Matheson and Co.

By Order C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1923.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Company, Limited, on WEDNESDAY, the 12th December 1923, at 5.15 p.m. immediately after the half-yearly meeting, for the purpose of proposing the following resolutions as extraordinary resolutions:—

(1) That the Rules of Racing made by the Hongkong Jockey Club be amended by adding after Rule No. 11, the following Rule:— 11a. A China pony is a horse measuring 13 hands 3 inches and under.

(2) That the said Rules of Racing be amended by striking out Rule No. 77 and substituting the following:— 77. The weight for China Ponies according to the term "weight for inches as per scale" shall be 140 pounds for 12 hands with an additional 3 pounds for every complete inch above that height. Portions of an inch to count in favour of the pony. Any China Pony which measures over 13 hands 3 inches "dead" to be ineligible to compete in any race reserved for China Ponies.

77a. The Stewards must refuse to enter any Pony which in their opinion is not a China Pony, but their decision must be supported by a board of 5 Members any or all of whom may be Stewards. The decision of the board shall be final.

Should the above Rule No. 77 be passed, it is resolved that the same shall not apply to Ponies which have run in Official races in Hongkong and/or in Gymkhanas in Hongkong up to and including the 1st of December 1923.

3 That Rule No. 34 of the Rules and Regulations of the Hongkong Jockey Club be expunged.

(4) That Rule No. 76 of the Rules of Racing made by the Hongkong Jockey Club be expunged.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1923.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

I, G. W. BARTON, of Douglas, Laprak and Co., General Managers The Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that in consequence of Change of Ownership I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ship "REPOSE" gross tonnage about 2,300 tons, register tonnage about 1,005, heretofore owned by U. S. Navy for the permission to change her name to "HAINING" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of HONGKONG as owned by The Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.

Any objections to the proposed Change of Name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this Advertisement.

G. W. BARTON.

Hongkong, December 8, 1923.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., (1918), LTD.

THE FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 20th December, 1923, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 30th September, 1923, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Book of the Company will be closed from FRIDAY, the 7th December, 1923, until THURSDAY, the 20th December, 1923, both days inclusive.

SHAW, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1923.

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The Nineteenth Interest Coupon on this Loan will likewise be paid on the same date.

F. A. AGLEN, Inspector General of Customs, Inspectorate General of Customs, Peking, 26th November, 1923.

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IN BRIEF.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CABLES.

The Rome parliament is to prorogue. It is expected a dissolution will follow.

Seven persons were drowned by the capsizing of a ferry-boat at Hekengdorp in Holland.

An appeal for books has been made for the Library at the Imperial University, Tokyo.

The trial of Lord Alfred Douglas on a charge of libelling Mr. Winston Churchill has begun.

The Lawn Tennis Association has agreed to a "seeding draw" for the Wimbledon championships.

President Coolidge has sent to the Senate the nomination of Mr. Frank Kellogg to be Ambassador to Britain.

Many thousands attended a mass meeting of Royalists at Athens in favour of the maintenance of the present regime.

A deadlock has been reached in the election of a Chairman of the Commerce Committee in the American Senate.

An influential committee has been appointed to deal with the appeal of the Tokyo Imperial University for books.

Conservative opinion is hardening against the idea of Mr. Baldwin resigning. He has had an audience with the King.

Seven persons were drowned at Hekengdorp near Gouda by the capsizing of a ferryboat wherein they were being conveyed across the river to Church.

The American Budget proposals cover a variety of matters, including repeal of certain taxes, and a request for costguard vessels to combat rum-running.

A recommendation has been made for the appropriation of \$30,000,000 (G) for the purpose of carrying out a programme of fleet organisation for the American navy.

Senator Len Root has introduced into the Senate a resolution providing for the entrance of the United States into a world court after it is completely divorced from the League of Nations.

The Bank Court of Appeal has decided that the proposals in connection with the Banque Industrielle de Chine should be confirmed in the private interest of creditors and the general economic interest.

The Dutch Consulate has assigned two Admiralty lawyers to investigate the circumstances connected with the seizure of the "Zeeland" by coastguards off Fire Island on a charge of violating the prohibition laws.

From January 1 next American fishing vessels will only be allowed to enter Canadian Atlantic ports for the purpose of repairs, and obtaining supplies of wood and water. America refuses to reciprocate in other directions, hence this drastic order.

"R. U. R."

ANOTHER BIG SUCCESS.

"R. U. R." continued its triumphant progress at the Theatre Royal last night. The big audience, which included His Excellency the Governor, Viscountess Jellicoe and Vice-Admiral Frocher, was most enthusiastic in its reception of the piece as a whole and many of the artists were applauded individually.

Those who had felt that "R. U. R." was something altogether too ambitious for the crowd of Hongkong amateurs to attempt must have come away with a decidedly enhanced opinion of the A.D.C.'s capabilities. The tastefulness and effectiveness of the setting were equalled only by the extraordinary ingenuity displayed in producing the "poises off" which are an essential part of the play.

The next performance (there are to be only four) will be a matinee to-morrow at 5.15 p.m.

STREET ACCIDENTS.

Taking part in a game of street football near the old electric light station at Hongkong yesterday, a Chinese boy did not notice the approach of motor bus No. 650 (Kai Tak Co.) and was slightly injured in the head.

At about ten o'clock this morning, a Chinese woman was accidentally struck by a motor car driven by the Motor Car Co. in which she was taken to hospital.

NEW BUILDING LAW.

CHINESE CHAMBER HOLD MEETING.

CHINESE DISSATISFIED AND PROTEST.

Amend the proposed house building ordinance which, it is stated, will affect a great many Chinese houses. If it becomes law, and details of which have been published in the *Gazette* of November 30, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce held an extraordinary meeting this afternoon.

Mr. Li Bo-kwal, president and was supported by Mr. Ho Kwong, vice-chairman and Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, secretary.

Amongst the gathering were noticed the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son, Messrs. Chan Suk-ki, F. N. Chau, Tsang Foo, Wong Kam-ying, Lo Chung-kui, Choy Hing, Li Wing-kwong, Simon Tse Yan, Pong Wai-ting, Wong Kwong-tin, Chan, Pek-chuen and Fung Ping-shan.

In his opening announcement, the Chairman mentioned that if the bill was passed, the reservation from houses to be built would take away too large a portion for open space at the back and the scavenging lane.

The secretary then proceeded to read the old bill and new clauses and explained the differences to the meeting.

To illustrate the point Mr. Ip pointed out that in houses on land 50 feet deep, which were the most common in the Colony, 6 feet would be deducted for the scavenging lane, 14 feet 8 inches for open space and 3 feet for the front and rear walls. Excluding the kitchen, the accommodation proper would only be about 21 feet deep.

Mr. Ip referred to the difficulty of providing staircases, latrines and kitchens in the reduced space. There were, he said, rows of houses in Lee Yuen Street East, East Hing Street, Jervois Street and Queen's Road which were already too small to permit of such drastic reduction.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall sent a letter asking to be excused from attendance for the discussion of the Bill and proposed reservations mentioned in the Housing Commission Report.

The Hon. Mr. Chow said that in company with Mr. Kotewall, he had seen the S.C.A., the Attorney-General and Colonial Secretary. He had pointed out the hardship to property-owners and inconvenience to house-holders. The Government had promised to adjourn the first reading of the Bill. He understood some of the owners proposed getting up a petition. If in the interval, they would get together and inform him of their views, he would present their case to the Government. Mr. Chow also mentioned that the Government had twice brought the proposals forward and had adjourned same.

Mr. Ho Kwong expressed the opinion that owners were unanimous in a desire to have the Bill rescinded. His main argument was that there was no stipulation in "old" leases. If a cubicle was to be taken off each flat, accommodation would be seriously reduced.

In 1903, the Government ordered one-third for open spaces. In 1923 it is one half. What is to prevent it being three-quarters in 1943 and the whole lot in 1963?

Mr. Ho brought out some data which included an old petition by local architects pointing out that provision for lanes should be borne by the Government and that conditions would be entirely different at Home.

Referring to the views expressed by the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy as published in yesterday's *China Mail*, Mr. Ho said that he sincerely believed that the whole of Hongkong differed from Mr. Creasy. Mr. M. K. Lo then asked for information as to the Government putting back the proposals on two previous occasions.

(Proceeding.)

Jockey Club.

TO-MORROW EVENING'S MEETING.

Regarding the resolutions which are being brought forward at the Hongkong Jockey Club's half-yearly meeting to-morrow evening, the *China Mail* learns that the members who have framed these resolutions intend taking an entirely friendly attitude and do not as some members have the idea of advocating any changes among the stewards. The *China Mail* has been further assured that the members who have framed the resolution fully realise that the past and present status of the stewards should be maintained. The members framing the resolutions are anxious that this should be clearly understood as they feel that a false impression appears to have got abroad regarding their real intentions, which they claim, have been entirely friendly from the start. The resolutions themselves are in no way intended to cause any hearing in this issue.

"G.C." OLD BOYS.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The fourth annual general meeting of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association took place last evening, Mr. U. Rumiha, Vice-President, presiding.

In the course of his speech, the Chairman said the financial position of the Association was quite sound, showing a balance of \$5,966.67, an increase of about \$2,000 over last year. The handsome balance spoke eloquently of the good work done during the year by Messrs. Tang Shu-sham and C. Chua, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

The Chairman thanked the Membership Campaign Sub-Committee who had helped to "rope in" many life members and also the various sub-committees responsible for the arrangements for the last annual reunion dinner. There were perhaps some past pupils of the College who had not been approached by the Membership Campaign Sub-Committee and to these gentlemen he extended a cordial invitation to join the Association. The Scholarship Fund raised by the Association was still open and he hoped members would further show their loyalty and gratitude to their "Alma Mater" by increasing this fund.

The Chairman concluded by referring to the small attendance at the meeting which he said, "is not at all encouraging to the executives of the Association."

The annual report and accounts were then passed on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hung Chai-leung.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Sir Robert Ho Tung; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. B. Tanager and U. Rumiha; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Messrs. H. C. Hunt and C. Chua; A. B. Rumiha, H. C. Hunt, C. Chua, Chow Ping-un, S. M. Churn, J. F. Grose, Ho Kwong, Ho Leung, H. K. Hung, W. Kay, Lo Man-hin, Tang Shu-sham, Lo Tung-fan, Tse Ching-fang and Hung Hing-fat. The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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NOTICE.

COUPONS

ON and after 18th December 1923 Books of Coupons will not be sold on the Cars but will be obtainable only at the Company's Office, Alexandra Building, Des Voeux Road Central.

PUNCH TICKETS

Owners of Punch Tickets are warned that these will not be valid after 15th December 1923 and will not be accepted on the Cars after that date.

Punch Tickets may, however, be returned to the Company's Office when a coupon of the same Class, or the cash equivalent of a Coupon of the same Class, will be given in exchange for each unused ticket.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, 11th December, 1923.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

From NEW YORK.

THE Steamship.

"COLORADO"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 14th December, 1923, will be subject to rent. All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 21st December, 1923, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the free storage period of one week. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 16th December, 1923, will be subject to rent.

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"KASHGAR"	8,840	9th Feb.	do.
"MORRA"	10,811	23rd Feb.	do.
"KARMAJA"	9,068	8th Mar.	do.
"NADDERA"	15,873	22nd Mar.	do.
"KHIVBER"	9,014	5th Apr.	do.
"OHINA"	7,953	19th Apr.	do.
"KALVAN"	9,118	3rd May	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,880	17th May	do.
"KHIVA"	9,067	31st May	do.

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S. R.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TANDA"	6,958	13th Dec. at 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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S. R.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th Jan.	Manila, Thursday Island, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
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"KASHIJA"	8,813	5th Jan.	Shanghai.
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The China Mail has received the following wire from the office of the Canton Generalissimo, Dr. Sun Yat-sen:—

Canton, December 10, 1928.
Dr. Sun Yat-sen has authorised the publication of the following statement on the question of the Customs surplus:—
"The disorders and invasions organised and financed by the Chihli Party through the Peking Government, which is its tool, have prevented me from carrying out the work of reconstruction on which I had decided when I returned to Canton last February.
"It is clear that the Chihli Party will persist in its destructive policy as long as that policy can be financed out of surplus national revenues, released to it through Peking by the Foreign Powers.
"These surplus national revenues are made up partly of moneys which which can hardly be expected to happen before Thursday at the earliest—the Consul for Panama, as well as the Dutch Consul-General, will go aboard with the police to make investigations.

"If there is to be peace and order in Kwangtung, further payment of the Chihli Party must cease. My Government, therefore, intends to assert its right to control the application of these revenues, and it will require the Inspector-General of Customs and the Customs Commissioner at Canton—who, being servants of the Chinese Government—are with respect to Kwangtung under and subject to the order of my Government—to hold all Customs revenues collected within its territory at the disposal of Government, so long as the Customs revenues from the rest of China are sufficient to meet the foreign commitments charged on the Customs.
"The Foreign Powers have no right to intervene in this matter because there is an annual surplus of millions of dollars from Customs revenues, collected at ports outside of the territory of my Government, even after providing for the service of foreign debts secured on the Customs.
"There is not, and never has been any treaty conferring on the Foreign Powers, collectively or individually, the right to interfere with the Chinese Maritime Customs (which is first and last a Chinese Government Service) so long as default is not made in the service of foreign obligations charged thereon. Indeed, it is admitted by the Foreign Powers that the disposal and application of the Customs surplus is wholly a Chinese internal question.
"Even under the existing system of semi-control of Customs revenues by Foreign Powers—which, it cannot be too strongly emphasised, is not authorised by any treaty, but is simply an extra-treaty procedure imposed by the Foreign Powers—no reasonable objection can be taken to the course which my Government has resolved to follow in order to prevent the Chihli Party from further financing disorder and war in my native province.
"I have to add that my Government is willing to undertake that, in the event of the Customs revenues from the rest of China being insufficient to meet foreign obligations, it will make good any deficit to the extent of the Customs revenues received by it from time to time."

WHAT A TRAVELLER HAS TO TELL.
"When I saw the Hongkong papers a few days ago with the statement that Marines had been landed from foreign warships in Canton," said a well-known Hongkong resident to a China Mail representative this morning, "I wondered where the news came from.
"As a matter of fact," he continued, "the mere fact of the Powers interfering, must be absurd on the face of it.
"Asked to explain this apparent problem, our informant pointed out that the agreement made between the Powers and China with regard to the Customs revenue, was a pact with Peking—therefore whatever Canton did or did not do, was purely an internal matter of China, which Peking had to decide." He continued, "The fact remains that though the papers in Hongkong and even Reuters' agent in Canton has stated that troops were landed, people, like myself who live there have no knowledge of the alleged fact, any more than the Customs officers who surely ought to know."
"Presumably," he continued, "the statement was circulated by pro-Sun agents and gained popular belief because the local British naval authorities refused to give out any official statement."
"The only serious news from Canton," concluded the interviewee, "is that an armistice of ten days has been agreed upon between the opposing forces."

REPORTED MUTINY. GERMAN SHIP-IN TROUBLE.

A reported mutiny on the a.s. "Paul Regendanz," of the German Rickmers line, has been occupying the attention of the harbour and police authorities during the last few days.

Last Thursday a wireless message received by the Dutch Consul-General, who is at present acting as the Consul-General for Germany, stated that a mutiny had broken out aboard the ship and that she was making for Hongkong with the mutineers aboard. The vessel was stated then to be midway between Singapore and Hongkong and yesterday she was reported to be about 100 miles away.

This morning the Harbour Office got a message to the effect that the fires had been allowed to go out and consequently the vessel had drifted and was now about 400 miles distant. The "Paul Regendanz" is now stated to be under the Panama flag, but her crew are Germans. When she does arrive—which can hardly be expected to happen before Thursday at the earliest—the Consul for Panama, as well as the Dutch Consul-General, will go aboard with the police to make investigations.

BILLIARDS.

At the V.R.C. last night, the Catholic Union Club won three straight games at billiards against the Hongkong Police Recreation Club. The scores follow:—
C.U.C. v. H.K.P.R.C.
F. Ozorio... 250 43 Bradwell... 129
A. Osmund 250 33 W.T. Robert 112
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INTERPORT RUGBY. LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

FIRST TRIAL MATCH ON THURSDAY.

A meeting at which a goodly number were present was held in Jardine's Board Room last evening to discuss the arrangements for the visit of the Shanghai Interport Rugby Team. Mr. W. Logan presided.

The Chairman intimated that a telegram had been received from the Shanghai Rugby Football Club accepting the invitation extended to send an interport side to Hongkong. The telegram gave the probable date of arrival as January 1st. Proceeding, Mr. Logan said that this was the first time that Hongkong had received a visit from the Shanghai Rugbymen and having regard to the lavish hospitality extend by Shanghai to Hongkong team, in other branches of sport, it was incumbent on Hongkong to make the visit as successful as possible.

It was resolved to form various committees to make the necessary arrangements and the following gentlemen were elected:—

Selection Committee:—Mr. H. G. Hegarty (convenor), Dr. MacGowan, Dr. Minett, Mr. G. G. N. Tinson and Mr. Forsyth.

Finance, Housing and Entertainment Committee:—Mr. W. Logan (convenor), Hon. Mr. A. O. Long, Dr. Forsyth, Mr. H. B. L. Dowling, Lieut. Commander Douglas Hamilton, Mr. R. L. Moncrieff, Mr. J. Keston, and Mr. V. R. Jones (Hon. Treasurer).

Match Committee:—Mr. H. R. Forsyth, (convenor), Mr. S. J. Jordan, Mr. A. C. P. Bowker, Mr. H. C. MacTavish, Lieut. C. B. P. Menzies, and Lieut. E. L. E. Davies.

A match between two Club teams has been arranged for 5.15 p.m., on Thursday the 13th, inst., on the Club grounds. The Selection Committee will be there in full force and the initial selections will probably be made on this game. "Scrimmage" will be present disguised as a touch flag but the Selection Committee will have to wait until Friday's issue of this paper for his advice.

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Kobe	NAMSANG	Wed. 26th Dec. Noon
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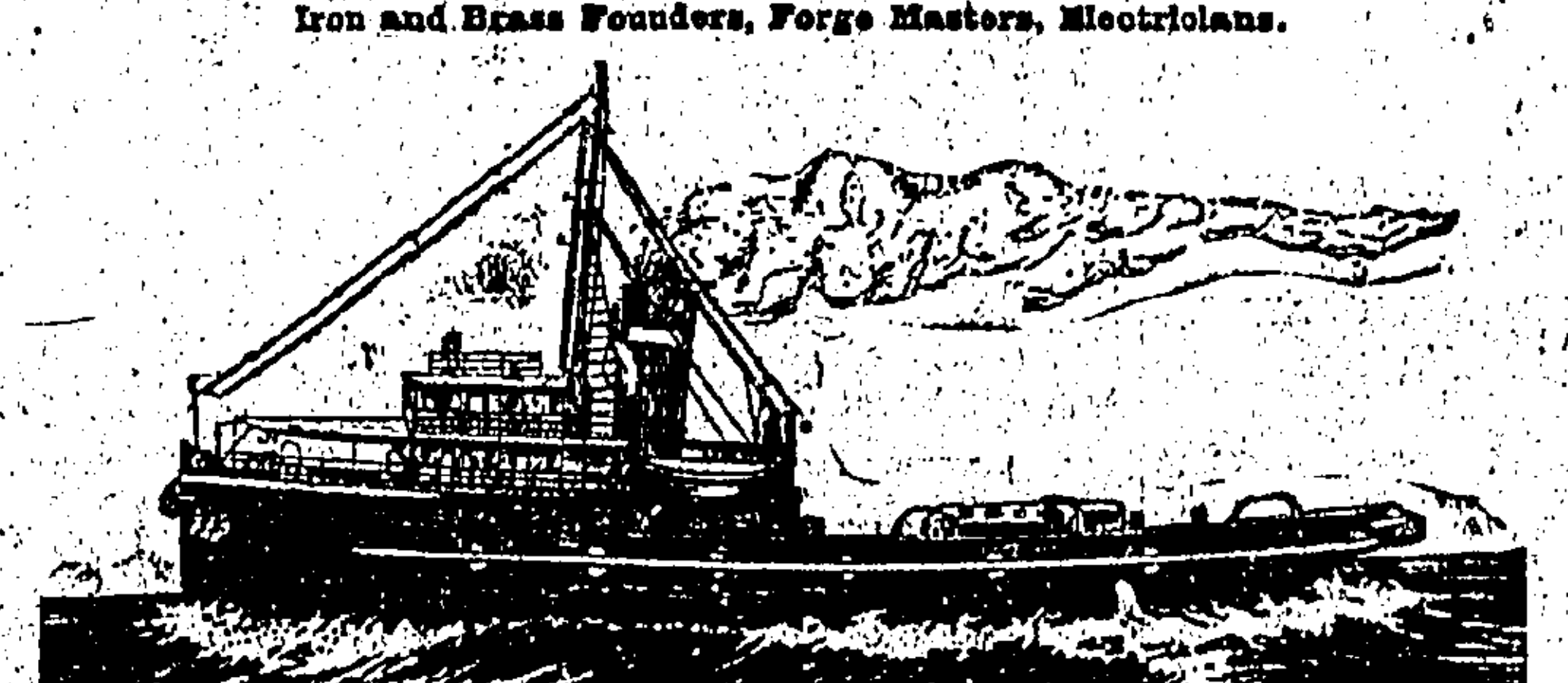
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COMMERCIAL NOTES.

BIG DEMAND FOR LAUNCHES.

CANTON TRADE CONDITION.

There is at present, a great demand for steam-launches in Canton. A Chinese merchant who came down during the week-end, has been negotiating for the hire of three and is prepared to pay as much as \$40 Canton currency, per day, exclusive of coal, stores and wages.

He informed a *China Mail* man that the demand for launches was due to their being needed to replace junks, speed being necessary on account of the danger from pirates. Another reason was the requisitioning of launches by the military, thus reducing the number available for commerce. He also stated that a harvest awaited launches flying foreign flags and under foreign registry.

Commenting on trade generally, the merchant was unwilling to attribute entirely to political disturbances, the reduced turnover. He thinks it is also due to this being the last year of the cycle of sixty (an omen of bad times.) He alleged that loaves were now imposed on goods in transit in all parts of the province, as much as 95 cents being collected on a picul bag of sugar from Canton to Fatahan. The collectors, he stated, were three different batches of soldiers and bandits who demanded varying sums for "passage on the water."

SUGAR IMPORTS.
About thirteen thousand bags of Java sugar for Nam Pak Hong, and a large quantity for the refineries, arrived during the week-end. About sixty thousand bags are also expected in during the next few days. This has had the effect of producing a quieter tone in the local sugar market. Importers are marking time, about \$16.70 being quoted, per picul, for the best lots of No. 24 rough white, and from \$16.40 to \$16.65 for other samples. Small lots have been offered by speculators at as much as 70 cents per picul lower. A drop has been recorded in quotations for "futures."

FLOUR MARKET.
There is no change to record, prices being as published on Saturday.

RICE MARKET.
Up-country paddy crops are now ready for harvesting but there is no drop in local prices. Superior quality Siam is up a few cents, but other grades remain stationary.

YACHTING.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

Thirteen boats started in the first of the ladies' championship yacht races which took place yesterday afternoon. The boats got away to a superb start and there was some very fine sailing.

The start and finish were at the Club House and the mark boats were at Kowloon Dock and Black-head's, both being taken on the port hand. This course was sailed twice and the distance was 5 miles. The wind was easterly and the force about 3.

The start was at 3 p.m., and the finishing and corrected time are as under:

Boat Sailed by	Finishing Time	Corrected Time	Position
Daphne (Mrs. Arthur) ...	4 0 45	same	1
Bonito (Mrs. Scott) ...	4 4 1	same	10
Ailsea (Mrs. Bromwich) ...	4 2 1	same	6
Halcyon (Miss Phelps) ...	4 6 0	same	13
Adanac (Mrs. Mitchell) ...	4 6 15	4 3 45	9
Gladys (Mrs. Adams) ...	4 0 7	4 1 37	4
Sealark (Mrs. Cock) ...	4 5 28	4 2 58	7
Spray (Miss Robertson) ...	4 7 35	4 5 12	12
Boojum (Miss G. Grace) ...	4 5 43	4 3 13	8
Ursula (Mrs. Davison) ...	5 6 35	4 4 51	11
Belinda (Miss Grace) ...	4 7 22	4 1 57	5
Pierrette (Miss P. Grace) ...	4 4 16	4 1 21	2
Joan (Mrs. Blaker) ...	4 4 22	4 1 27	3

THE STAR.

"TORCA" TO-NIGHT.

The Italian Opera Company present "La Torca" to-night at the Star, as one of the "request" programmes they recently announced. To-morrow's bill is "Faust," which is particularly gratifying to learn that "Faust" has been included in the list of attractions. "Faust" has been the public's instant demand, and Signor Carpi has made way for it as a result of the numerous special requests.

ON A NEW CRAZE.

I propose to take as subject of my song
The prospective growth and triumph of Mah Jong
(In which plan I am supported
By the fact—which can't be thwarted—
There are several well-assorted
Rhymes in "ong").

Out of China (whence we also gain Souchong)
Came this latest boon and blessing of Mah Jong
Now in London Town it rages,
So it should, by easy stages,
Reach our own suburban sages
Before long.

Yes, I think you'll find the pastime of Mah Jong
At our northern parties shortly going strong;
But I don't know how you play it
(Does one back a "jong" or lay it?)
So I may (with grief I say it)
Be all wrong

Do they play it to the beating of a gong,
This inviting, this exciting game Mah Jong?
At the subsequent collation
Do the guests (with imprecation)
Use a chopstick for their ration
Or a prong?

Does light conversation help the game along?
Does one chatter as one joins the earnest throng?
Or sit silent as a mummy?
Does it need a fourth or dummy?
Is it aught like nap or "rummy"?
This Mah Jong?

Are there "local rules," I wonder, in Mah Jong?
Is the code the same from Bolivar to Bhong?
Though the thought a trifle strange is
It may be the custom changes
As from Harrogate one ranges
To Hongkong.

My inquiries now enwrap me like a thong;
But I'm told a doom has sounded ding-a-dong;
Bridge is fighting for survival,
So, with praises adjectival,
I salute the glad arrival
Of Mah Jong.

—LUCIO.
Manchester Guardian.

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Aston Villa	20	8	3	9	25
Huddersfield Town	18	10	4	4	24
Everton	20	9	5	6	24
Bolton Wanderers	20	7	4	9	23
Sunderland	19	9	6	4	22
Newcastle United	19	9	6	4	22
Sheffield United	18	8	4	6	22
Notts County	18	7	4	7	21
Blackburn Rovers	18	8	5	5	21
Tottenham Hotspur	18	6	5	7	19
Manchester City	18	7	6	5	19
West Ham United	18	5	6	7	17
West Bromwich Albion	18	6	7	5	17
Liverpool	18	6	8	4	16
Arsenal	18	5	8	5	15
Burnley	18	4	7	7	15
Chelsea	19	3	9	7	13
Nottingham Forest	18	4	10	4	12
Birmingham	19	3	10	6	12
Middlesbrough	18	4	11	3	11
Preston North End	18	2	11	5	9

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TEAM.	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Rangers	17	12	1	4	28
Celtic	18	8	2	8	24
Airdrieonians	18	8	4	6	22
Raith Rovers	17	9	4	4	22
Partick Thistle	18	9	7	2	20
Aberdeen	18	8	6	4	20
St. Mirren	17	7	5	5	19
Hearts	18	6	6	6	18
Kilmarnock	17	7	6	4	18
Hibernians	18	5	7	6	16
Dundee	17	6	7	4	16
Third Lanark	16	8	8	0	16
Clyde	18	5	8	5	15
Motherwell	17	6	9	2	14
Clydebank	18	5	9	4	14
Queen's Park	17	6	9	2	14
Balbirnie	18	5	9	4	14
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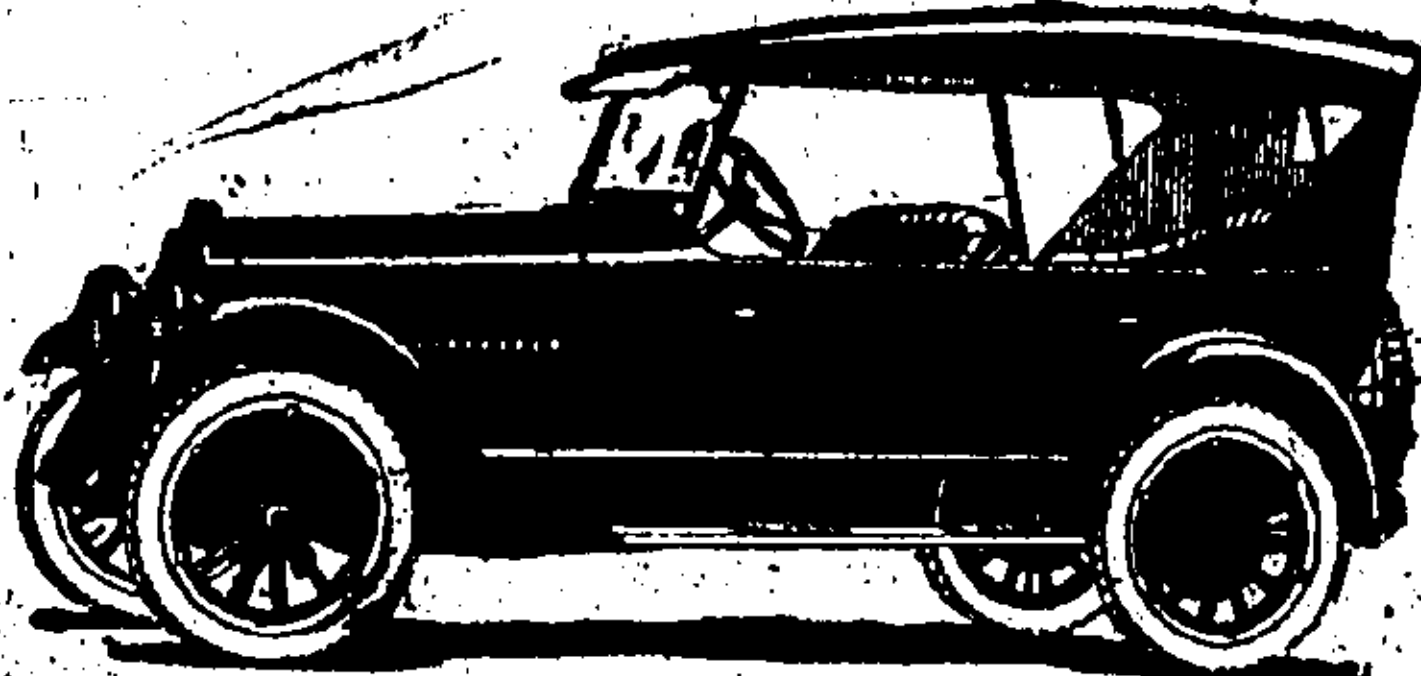
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OUR \$50 PRIZE.

POPULAR GIRL CHRISTIAN NAMES.

This week, we give the second list of
twenty girls' Christian names in our popular
voting contest. Write them out in their
correct order and win our \$50 prize. Other lists
will follow each week. After these lists have
all been decided, still further contests will be
held to decide the finals. For each event every
week we will give our usual \$50 prize.
Someone must win! Why not you?

Twenty Christian names are given below. Select the ten you
consider the most popular and write them out in the order of your choice. Then
cut the form out and send it to the "China Mail" office marked "Vote."

The list which comes nearest the correct solution will win the prize. The
correct solution will be decided by the general vote, the item getting the most
votes being placed first, the one coming next being placed second and so on until
the list of ten is completed.

Therefore the secret of the contest is not to select the ten most popular
items in alphabetical order from our list. But to select the ten most
popular names from our list and judge what place
each individually will occupy—which will come
first, which second, and so on until all ten have
been placed.

The contest lists from Monday to Saturday. The results will be announced
in the "China Mail" on the succeeding Wednesday, when the winner's name will
be published along with the correct list.

Every copy of the "China Mail" contains one form giving the reader one try
for the prize. Regular readers thus have not less than six tries in one week.
Competition may seem in as many forms as they like.

Forms should be sent in to reach the "China Mail" by Monday. Any forms
received by the "China Mail" later than Monday will be discounted.

When making your choice use only the words given below. Any forms
strongly marked, mutilated, or indistinctly written will be ruled out.

The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final.

Members of the "China Mail" staff are debarred from entering the contest.

MAKE YOUR CHOICE HERE

Below we give twenty Christian names.
Select the ten you think the most popular.

- Barbara
- Constance
- Daisy
- Diana
- Edna
- Elsie
- Eva
- Frances
- Gertrude
- Helen
- Ida
- Ivy
- Kathleen
- Louisa
- Madeline
- Maud
- Olive
- Rachel
- Sarah
- Sylvia

CUT THIS OUT

To the Editor
China Mail, December 11, 1923.
Hongkong.

Sir,
I consider the following the ten most popular
Christian names from the above list, placed in the
order in which I think they are liked best:—

Please write clearly in block letters.

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Name

Address

Next Week—Girls' Names Third List.



Clara Kimball Young

Clara Kimball Young, noted motion-picture actress, has been accused by Joseph Sachs, millionaire, of having persuaded his wife Mrs. Carolyn Sachs, to leave him. Charges and counter charges of gay moonlight bathing parties on Santa Monica's beaches were set forth in his answer to his wife's suit for separation.



George Washington

This is the first word in bonnets, worn by one of the leading women of Fort Worth, Texas, for the diamond jubilee celebration on the 75th anniversary of the founding of the city and of the incorporation of the city 25 years later.



Miss Helen Schultz

Four powerful railways, backed by many millions, are allied in a fight on pretty Miss Helen Schultz, 24-year-old woman, residing at Mason City, Iowa. Miss Schultz seeks a permit to operate automobile omnibus lines out of Mason City. She already operates 24 such lines and wishes this permit extended. The roads are fighting her before the State Railroad Commission on the ground that her lines hurt their business.



"I am avenged!" is the constant cry of Mrs. Emily Slutsky, of Ramey, Pa., wife of a priest in the Greek Catholic Church, who murdered Father Basil Stettin in the confessional of his church, in Chicago. She declared her victim had defamed her husband in a statement dealing with the latter's handling of church funds.



Josef Hoffman

Josef Hoffman, world-famous pianist, has returned to New York from Europe, ready for a long American concert tour.



Leon Trotsky

Leon Trotsky, formerly an obscure printer in New York City, now Communist Minister of War in Soviet Russia, commands the largest standing army in the world to-day. He is shown with one of his army commanders, marching across Red Square during a military review in Moscow.



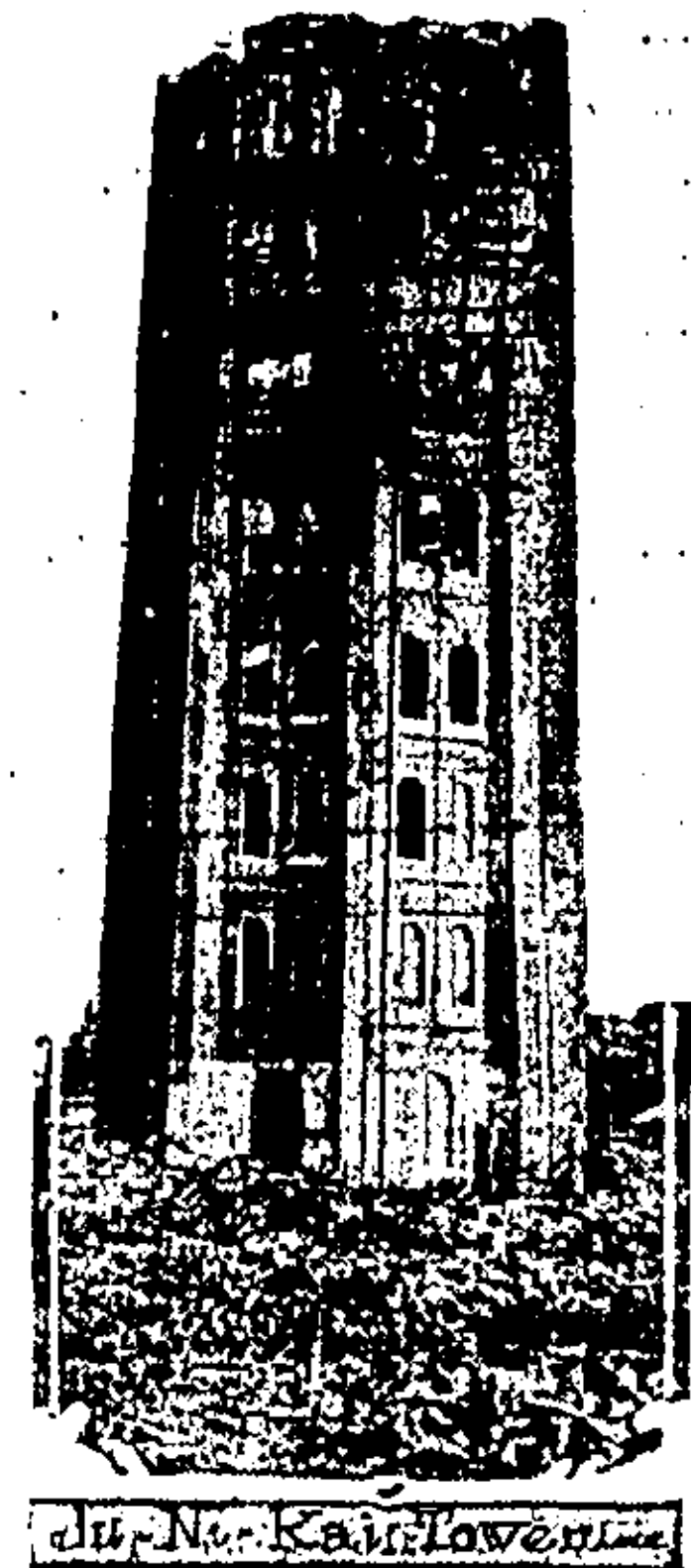
Miss Katherine Miller

Miss Katherine Miller is held in a Philadelphia jail for shooting and killing Harry E. Kundernagel, a student at the Merchant College of Chiropractic. Miss Miller has expressed keen regret for her act. She asserted she was Kundernagel's common-law wife and helped pay for his college tuition.



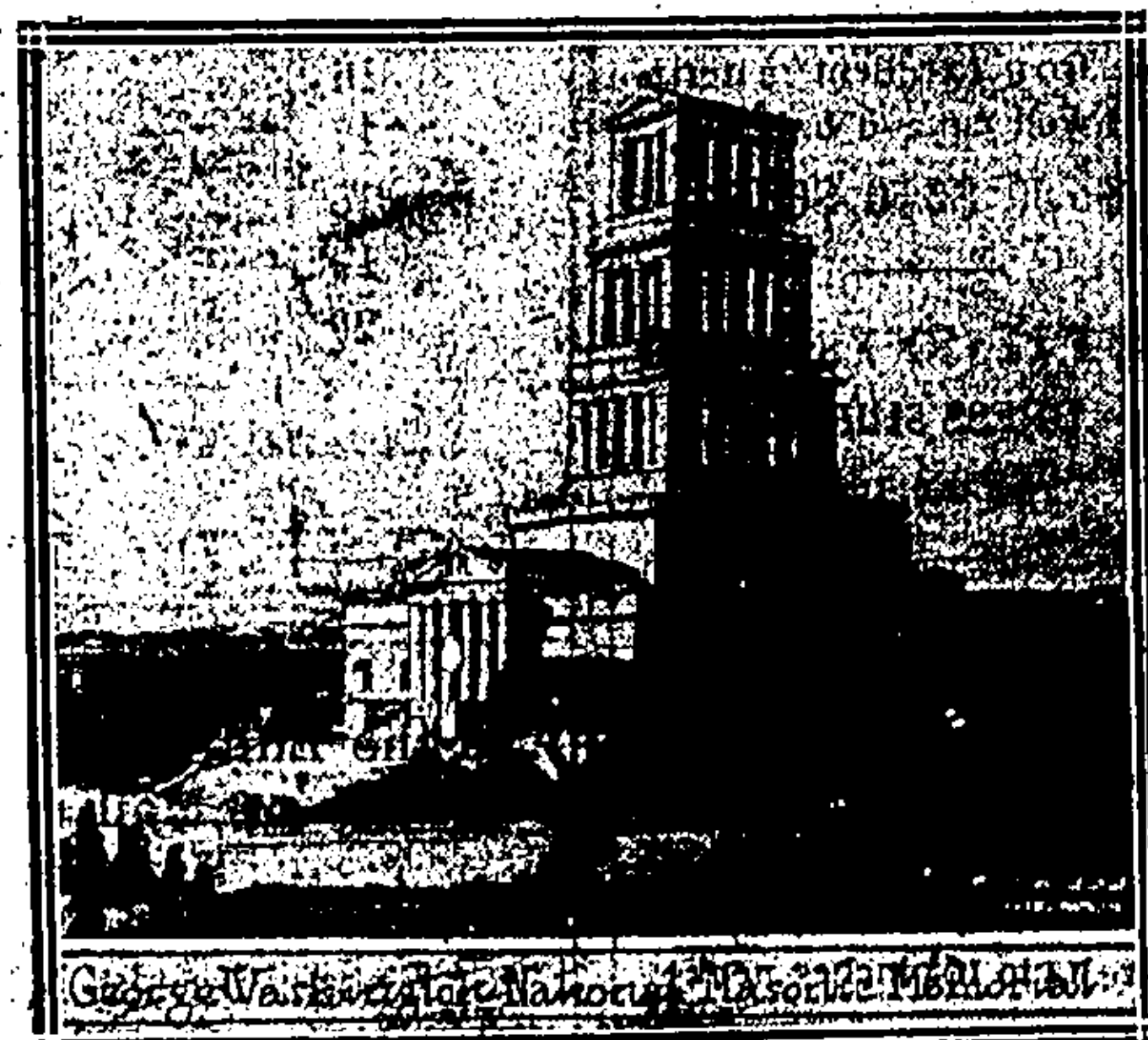
Allister McCormick

Allister McCormick, young Chicago millionaire, who was fitted so often by Miss Mary Landon Baker, of Chicago, is shown here, in Paris with his bride, who was Miss Joan Stevens, of London, and her mother Mrs. Charles Melton Astley, shortly after their marriage in the Embassy Church, in Paris.



Japanese tower

Above photograph shows all that is left of the world-famous Ju-Ni-Ki Tower, in Tokio, where 500 persons met death in the Japanese earthquake. Five of the twelve stories of the huge tower collapsed.



George Washington Memorial

In the presence of President Coolidge and thousands of the highest Masons in the world, the cornerstone of \$4,000,000 George Washington National Masonic Memorial was laid at Alexandria, Va., on November 1. Charles H. Callahan, Deputy Grand Master for Virginia, used the trowel used by General Washington in laying the cornerstones of the National Capital on September 18, 1783. The huge memorial, of granite, will be 260 feet in height, 180 feet wide and 260 feet in length, resting on the commanding summit of Shooter's Hill, a part of the Arlington Ridge, overlooking the Potomac. Priceless relics of General Washington will be housed in the memorial.



Hospital ambulance

Hospital ambulances have been formally adopted by the French Army. An officer, wounded on the target range at Bordeaux is shown being placed in one of the ambulances to be rushed to a hospital in Paris. He received medical treatment during the flight.



Glenn Hunter and May McAvoy

There are persistent rumours in New York theatrical circles that Glenn Hunter, screen star, who starred recently in "Merton of the Movies," is soon to marry Miss May McAvoy, herself a moving-picture celebrity. The romance is said to have begun when both were making pictures in the Far West.

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YOU HORRID WRETCH! IF YOU EVER KISS ME AGAIN I'LL BEAT YOU UP A GOOD DEAL WORSE!

WHO ME?

OH! OINTY! OH! OINTY!

EARLIER TELEGRAMS (Revised Service to the China Mail)

KING'S SURGEON DIES

LONDON, December 10.—The death is announced of Sir Frederick Treves, G.C.V.O., C.B., Surgeon to H.M. the King.

The late Sir Frederick Treves, who was born at Dorchester in 1853, was educated at the Merchant Taylors' School. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society and a Professor of Pathology at the Royal College of Surgeons in 1891-92. He subsequently held several appointments under the War Office, was one of the founders of the British Red Cross Society and first chairman of the Executive Committee. During the South African War he was Consulting Surgeon to the Forces and was with the Lady-smith Relief Column. It was he who performed the operation upon late King Edward in 1902. He held royal appointments under Queen Victoria, King Edward, Queen Alexandra and King George. In the course of his travels he will be recalled by old residents that he visited Hongkong. Sir Frederick was the author of many books dealing with his profession as well as of travel.

U.S. PRESIDENCY

WASHINGTON, December 12.—The President's close friend, Mr. Stearns, announced that Mr. Coolidge was a candidate for the Presidency next year.

Mr. Stearns' announcement is expected to cause temporary interest of a few persons, but it is not expected to make any difference in the campaign. Mr. Stearns is a close friend of the President and has been a candidate for the Presidency in 1912 and 1916. He is a Republican and is expected to support Mr. Coolidge in 1924.

ANGLO-PERSIAN OIL

LONDON, December 10.—The Anglo-Persian Oil Company made a profit for the year ended 31st March, after allowing for depreciation, distribution of interest, home charges and royalty of £2,689,000, which, with the balance of £1,732,000 brought forward from 1922 and less corporation tax for 1912-2, makes a total of £4,425,000. A balance of £1,777,000 is carried forward after making all appropriations.

BALDWIN'S RESIGNATION

LONDON, December 10.—Premier Baldwin has made a visit to the King at Buckingham Palace in response to His Majesty's summons. Premier Baldwin has not resigned, and up to the present there is no question of his resigning.

MEXICAN REVOLUTION

NEW YORK, December 10.—It is reported from Vera Cruz that the revolutionary forces have captured Jalapa.

A message from El Paso says that direct air communication between Juarez and Mexico City has been severed through the rebels blowing up the line at Capitan—American Service.

HOME ELECTIONS

LONDON, December 10.—London University has returned the Conservative candidate, Sir Sydney Russell Wells, by a majority of 1,444 over the Liberal, Professor A. F. Pollard. H. G. Wells, the Labour candidate was at the bottom of the poll.

GREEK UNREST

ATHENS, December 12.—Two were killed and twenty injured in turbulent demonstrations following a mass meeting of Royalists.

CHILDREN'S CONSTIPATION

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